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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We value competitive choice and that you oppose the USTelecom petition. Our local phone company overcharges for less product than what we can get with a private internet company. And even worse our phone bill with only basic service keeps climbing as well. We want to cut all ties with our phone company as soon as possible. Please turn down the USTelecom Petition as fast as possible. Don't give our phone company a Monopoly on our phone and internet service. We live in a rural area so they really take advantage of us! We can't afford the cost and inferior service of our local phone company. If we are forced to use them we will have to close our small business.

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